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MINUETTE

Moondancer? Well, she was always a little shy. But for awhile there she was really starting to come out of her shell, remember? **She threw that party?**

ON TWILIGHT as she shrugs sheepishly. She doesn't remember.

MINUETTE (CONT'D)

Oh. Right. I think you might have been busy that day.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANTERLOT GROUNDS - FLASHBACK - DAY

Minuette, Lemon Hearts, and Twinkleshine walk over a hill, each with a PRESENT on their backs. Unicorn Twilight Sparkle comes the other way.

TWINKLESHINE

There you are, Twilight! Moondancer is having a get-together in the west castle courtyard. You wanna come?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Ooh, sorry girls. I got a...lot of studying to catch up on.

She runs off, leaving the other three deflated.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANTERLOT LIBRARY - THE PRESENT

NOTE: They should still be at the table outside the library.

Twilight is devastated.

MINUETTE

Thought she might finally be letting her guard down a little with that party, but it just never happened. We invited her out a few times after that, but she was always too busy studying. So eventually we just stopped asking.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I had no idea that party was so
important to her.
(then)
I've got to find a way to make it
up to her!

END ACT I

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S OLD DORMITORY - LATER

MOONDANCER
A first edition of "Principles of
Magic"! Hey! Didn't I give this to
you?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(unsure)
Yes?

MOONDANCER
I did! Look, I even wrote
something: "To my friend, Twilight
Sparkle. Thanks for introducing me
to the classics."
(then)
I can see by the fact that you left
it here that it meant a lot to you.

SC. 22 - EXT. CANTERLOT GRILLE - MOMENTS LATER

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Moondancer! You've got to give
friendship a chance!

Moondancer SIGHS and turns back.

MOONDANCER
I gave friendship a chance a long
time ago. It didn't work out then.
It isn't going to work out now.
ALT: No. I don't.

She turns and walks off into the night. Spike walks up.

SPIKE
Twilight? Are you all right?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No. No, I'm not.

SC. 28 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

As Twilight looks at the courtyard, her features harden.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I know what I need to do.
(then, with a smile)
And I know just who can help me!

She suddenly FLIES AWAY into the night leaving Spike standing alone in the courtyard.

SPIKE
(calling after her)
I'm guessing it isn't me?!

END ACT II

SC. 32 - EXT. WEST CASTLE COURTYARD - LATER

Moondancer approaches another book. She collects it, and when she looks ahead for another, she finds...

The courtyard has been turned into an exact replica of her original party!

MOONDANCER
What is this?

Twilight steps out.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's a party. For you.

Minuette, Twinkleshine, Lemon Hearts, and Spike step out. They wear party hats and big smiles. Pinkie Pie LEAPS OUT behind her.

PINKIE PIE
SURPRISE!

MOONDANCER
AAAAHHHH!!!!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Come on in!

MOONDANCER
Uh, thanks, but no thanks. I don't
do parties.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know. And I think it's my fault.
(then)
Back when we were in school
together, you invited me to a
party. I was so focused on my
studies that I didn't show up.

Moondancer shrugs.

MOONDANCER
Big deal.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It was a big deal. And now that I
realize how important friendship
is, I'd like to make up for my
mistake with a new party.
(then, with a big smile)
A party in honor of my friend
Moondancer.

Twilight eagerly awaits Moondancer's response to this
gesture. Moondancer turns and heads for the exit. Twilight
quickly steps in front of her.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Please, you've got to let me make
this up to you.

MOONDANCER
And you think this is going to do
it, huh?

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(unsure)
Yes?

Moondancer heads back into the party.

MOONDANCER
Well, sure, why wouldn't it? That
was only the first time I ever put
myself out there and then you
didn't even bother to show up.
(then)
But, hey, look, there's cake. So
everything should be just fine now.

The ponies REACT as she shoves half the cake in her mouth.

MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
(mouthful of cake)
Then you left town without saying
goodbye. Even though we were
supposed to be friends.
(then)
But, wow, is this some sort of
party cannon?

She fires confetti from the cannon.

MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
That fixes everything!
(then, faux excitement)
Oooh. And you got me a pinata too!

She gives it a whack.

MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
This *totally* makes up for the fact
that you're selfish!

WHAP!

MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
And cruel!

WHAP!

MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
And the worst friend ever!!

ON MOONDANCER throughout:

MOONDANCER (CONT'D)
I was humiliated! I felt like I
wasn't important! I never wanted to
let myself be hurt like that again!
(off the Canterlot ponies)
Those three finally convinced me
that I had value! That other ponies
might like me and want to be my
friend! And YOU! DIDN'T! SHOW! UP!

REVEAL: The pinata has been destroyed.

Stunned silence from the crowd as they stare at the wild-eyed
Moondancer.

Twilight approaches her, defeated.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You're right, this party can't make
up for the way I hurt you.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

And I understand if you don't want
to be *my* friend again, but please,
don't let my mistake be the reason
you can't be friends with them.

Minuette, Lemon Hearts, and Twinkleshine move toward
Moondancer and ease the stick from her hooves.

MINUETTE

We were your friends then and we'd
be honored to be your friends now.

Moondancer let's this sink in.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

I'm so sorry, Moondancer. I've
faced magical creatures, the end of
Equestria... all sorts of things.
But seeing how my actions affected
you, that's one of the worst
feelings I've ever had.

Moondancer's stoic face breaks into tears and a smile.

MOONDANCER

Thank you, Twilight. I never
realized how much I needed to hear
that.